

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

AF 11-0244

IN RE THE RULES FOR ADMISSION
TO THE BAR OF MONTANA

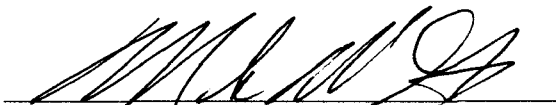
O R D E R

The Montana Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates has asked the Court to add to the written and oral oaths of admission to the Bar of the State of Montana language promising to “maintain civility toward opposing parties and their counsel not only in court, but also in all written and oral communications.” The specific revisions sought to the oral and written oaths are highlighted in the copies of those oaths attached to this Order.

IT IS ORDERED that interested persons are granted 90 days from the date of this Order in which to file comments on the proposed additions to the written and oral oaths of admission to the Bar of the State of Montana.

A copy of this Order and the attached copies of the written and oral oaths, as proposed to be revised, shall be posted on the Court’s website. In addition, the Clerk is directed to provide copies of this Order and attachment to the Executive Director of the State Bar of Montana with the request that they be posted on the State Bar’s website and published in the next edition of the Montana Lawyer magazine; to the Chair of the Commission on Character and Fitness, and to the Chair of the Board of Bar Examiners.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2017.


Chief Justice

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Ed Smith
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

PROPOSED WRITTEN OATH OF ADMISSION TO THE BAR
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

I do affirm:

I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Montana;

I will maintain the respect due to the courts of justice and judicial officers;

I will not counsel or maintain any proceedings which shall appear to me to be taken in bad faith or any defense except such as I believe to be honestly debatable under the law of the land;

I will employ for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to me such means only as are consistent with truth and honor, and will never seek to mislead the judge or jury by an artifice or false statement of fact or law;

I will maintain the confidence and preserve inviolate the secrets of my client and will accept no compensation in connection with his business except from him or with his knowledge or approval;

I will be candid, fair, and courteous before the court and with other attorneys, **maintain civility toward opposing parties and their counsel not only in court, but also in all written and oral communications**, and advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of the party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause with which I am charged;

I shall faithfully discharge the duties of an attorney and counselor at law with fidelity to the best of my knowledge and ability;

I will strive to uphold the honor and to maintain the dignity of the profession to improve not only the law but the administration of justice, so help me God.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

PROPOSED ORAL OATH OF ADMISSION TO THE MONTANA BAR

I, (name), solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Montana, and faithfully discharge the duties of an attorney and counselor of law to the best of my knowledge and ability. I accept and will faithfully follow **the affirmations of my Written Oath of Admission to the Bar of the State of Montana and** the Rules of Professional Conduct promulgated by the Supreme Court of Montana, so help me God.